

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of a Corporation attempting to usurp citizen rights to elect their officials by presenting "brain-washing" one-sided propaganda without the balance of an opposing point of view. It is the modern version of stuffing the ballot box not with the names of the dead, but with those who are brain-dead and who have the mistaken idea that TV news is really true. Public organizations need to protect the airways as being neutral. If the FCC fails to act it will be a confirmation of Nader's indictment that the corporations already own the government. As for the TV stations that participate, they will find that half of their viewers will become ex-viewers and will be opposing their relicensing making much more work for the FCC to ignore their public responsibility.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest without political bias.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.